



OUTSTANDING AIRMAN OF THE YEAR 2008



SENIOR NCO OF THE YEAR

MASTER SERGEANT MARC A. PUMALA

Master Sgt. Marc A. Pumala was named the 2008 Senior Non-Commissioned Officer for the 179th Airlift Wing. He works as the Education and Training Manager for the 179th Security Forces Squadron (SFS). Pumala manages the SFS CDC program; maintaining a 100% pass-rate for all unit personnel assigned in upgrade training. He also coordinates all required weapons training for members of the 179th Airlift Wing to ensure 100% mobility readiness with zero safety incidents.

In 2008, Pumala completed a six month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While in theater, he was appointed as the Alternate Physical Security Representative and Controlled Area Monitor. During that time he developed an augmentee training plan which was utilized to train over 80 augmentee's on procedures.

Pumala completed his Community College of the Air Force Associate Degree in October 2007. He is now working toward his degree in Safety and Security Management at Tiffin University.



Pumala is not only actively involved in his local community but he also participated in a number of local events while stationed overseas; to include volunteering at local orphanages, participating in numerous 5K and 10K fun runs, and much more.